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SUBJECT: BELOVSKI-HARTMAN MEETING ON JULY 8: YUGOSLAV
CONCERNS RE TERRORISM

1. MAJOR SUBJECT RAISED BY AMBASSADOR BELOVSKI WITH
HARTMAN DURING JULY 8 MEETING WAS APPEAL FOR INCREASED
EFFORT BY U.S. SECURITY AGENCIES TO PROTECT YUGOSLAV
PERSONNEL AND ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

2. BELOVSKI NOTED THAT COOPERATION OF U.S. SECURITY
AGENCIES HAD BEEN EXCELLENT DURING TITO'S VISITS TO
MEXICO, VENEZUELA AND PANAMA. HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT,
IT NOW HAS BEEN A MONTH SINCE A BOMB EXPLODED AT THE
EMBASSY AND SO FAR NO ONE HAS BEEN ARRESTED OR CHARGED.
HE FEARED THAT THIS MIGHT END AS HAD SIMILAR 1967 INCIDENT
WHEN NO ONE WAS EVEN INDICTED.

3. HARTMAN RESPONDED THAT ALTHOUGH WE STILL HAD NO BREAK
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IN THIS CASE, WE RECENTLY HAD SOME SUCCESS IN TWO SIMILAR

CASES IN WHICH A JDL ACTIVIST WAS ARRESTED AND AN IRA GROUP IN PHILADELPHIA HAD BEEN CONVICTED. HARTMAN ASSURED BELOVSKI THAT THE BOMBING WAS RECEIVING VERY CLOSE ATTENTION BOTH IN THE DEPARTMENT AND IN JUSTICE. AS INDICATED DURING HIS BELGRADE VISIT, SECRETARY SIMON ALSO WAS WELL AWARE OF THE PROBLEM.

4. BELOVSKI SAID THAT TWO RECENT INCIDENTS HAD UNDERSCORED HIS CONCERN. FIRST WAS HARASSMENT OF THE CONSUL GENERAL FROM SAN FRANCISCO AT RECENT PICNIC OF CROATIAN-AMERICAN GROUP. CONSUL GENERAL WAS LITERALLY "BLOCKADED" BY EXTREMISTS WHILE THE POLICE STOOD BY. THE POLICE FINALLY GOT HIM AWAY AND SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED A FEW PEOPLE. HOWEVER, THEY WERE RELEASED WITHIN THIRTY MINUTES AND RETURNED TO THE PICNIC WHEREUPON A FIGHT ERUPTED BETWEEN THEM AND THE OTHER CROAT-AMERICANS. SECOND INCIDENT WAS RECENT SERIES OF HARASSING ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALLS TO THE EMBASSY. BELOVSKI ALLOWED THAT CALLS, WHICH HAD CONTINUED OVER SEVERAL NIGHTS, DID NOT SEEM SERIOUS BUT WERE WORRISOME TO PERSONS WHO HAD BEEN INJURED IN THE BOMBING INCIDENT.

5. ANDREWS, EUR/EE, SAID THAT REPORT WE HAD OF SAN FRANCISCO PICNIC INCIDENT STATED THAT POLICE DID NOT INTERFERE UNTIL IT APPEARED VIOLENCE WAS IMMINENT. AT THAT POINT THEY REPORTEDLY ESCORTED THE CONSUL GENERAL AWAY WHICH THEY BELIEVED WOULD ALSO CALM THE CROWD. INSTEAD, A FIGHT BROKE OUT AND A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED AND A POLICEMAN WAS INJURED.

6. BELOVSKI SAID THERE ALSO WERE ADDITIONAL RECENT PROBLEMS: AN APPEAL BY THE SO-CALLED "CROATIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS", WHICH HE TERMED A FASCIST UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION, ENCOURAGING ITS MEMBERS TO SABOTAGE YUGOSLAV-AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES; THE DISTRIBUTION IN WASHINGTON ON JULY 4TH OF LEAFLETS CALLING YUGOSLAV LEADERS "FASCISTS"; AND ON THE NIGHT OF JULY 1 AT NIAGARA, CANADA, THE DESTRUCTION OF A MONUMENT TO MAJOR JONES WHO HAD BEEN ATTACHED TO TITO'S HEADQUARTERS. BELOVSKI SAID MONUMENT HAD BEEN TRADITIONAL GATHERING PLACE FOR YUGOSLAVS AND YUGOSLAV-CONFIDENTIAL

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CANADIANS.

7. BELOVSKI THEN CITED LIST OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING YUGOSLAV PARTICIPANTS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS WHICH HE FEARED MAY BECOME TARGETS OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY. AT THE HEAD OF LIST WAS OLYMPIC GAMES. AMBASSADOR STATED THEY HAD INFORMATION THAT A NUMBER OF YUGOSLAV EMIGRE TERRORIST AND EXTREMIST GROUPS WERE PREPARING A SERIES OF ACTS

AGAINST YUGOSLAV DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS AND PERSONNEL IN THE U.S. DURING THE GAMES. OTHER POSSIBLE TARGETS INCLUDED THE NIKOLA TESLA COMMEMORATION AT NIAGARA FALLS ON JULY 23, THE INAUGURATION OF JAT SERVICE ON JULY 10, THE PRESENCE OF AMBASSADOR IN NYC TO OBSERVE THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION, AND THE PRESENCE OF TODO KURTOVIC,

SECRETARY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LCY, IN LOS ANGELES ON A PRIVATE VISIT.

8. BELOVSKI CONCLUDED THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER A BREAK-THROUGH IN THE CURRENT INVESTIGATION ON THE EMBASSY BOMBING AS A TURNING POINT IN OUR RELATIONS. THE CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST AND REPEATED STATEMENTS ON THE BOMBING HAD HAD GOOD EFFECT IN YUGOSLAVIA. HE DESCRIBED THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT AS INCOMPARABLY STRONGER THAN THOSE IN THE PAST. IN RESPONSE, HARTMAN ASSURED BELOVSKI THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE INVESTIGATION VIGOROUSLY AND THAT WE WOULD TAKE ALL POSSIBLE STEPS TO ASSURE SECURITY AT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS.

9. DURING THE MEETING BELOVSKI ALSO WAS BRIEFED BY HARTMAN ON SECRETARY SIMON'S BELGRADE VISIT. (YUGOSLAV EMBASSY HAD INFORMED US IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING THAT AMBASSADOR WAS PLANNING TO RAISE TERRORISM CONCERNS AND REQUEST FILL-IN ON SIMON VISIT.) IN ADDITION TO THESE SUBJECTS, HARTMAN RAISED TOTH CASE (SEPTTEL). KISSINGER

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